



2015 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WARRIOR GAMES



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME GABRIEL BELTRES

Rank E-4/Corporal

Status Veteran

Service Branch and MOS USMC/6492 Aviation Precision Measurement Equipment (PME) Calibration/Repair Technician

Hometown Kissimmee, Florida

Current Location Tampa, Florida

Injury or Illness PTSD, Paralyzed L Arm, Conversion Disorder

Event(s) Field, Shooting, and Sitting Volleyball

PERSONAL PROFILE

Cpl. Beltres joined the Marine Corps on April 12, 2010, and attended recruit training at Paris Island, S.C. where he graduated as his platoon's honor graduate. He then attended Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger, N.C. He then spent nine months in Pensacola, Fla., where he became a I level technician. He then spent six months in Biloxi, Miss, where he became a PME calibration and repair technician.

He served overseas with MAG12, MALS 12, Avionics Work Center 670. Over the next two years, he went from lead technician to the NCOIC of issue and receiving while being a CDI in charge of quality assurance as a lance corporal.

In September 2012, he was diagnosed with what looked like a tumor and sent to Hawaii for testing. Testing showed what looked like a bag of worms with was a cluster of veins, blood vessels, and arteries. Doctors said that it was a miracle that he was not dead. Though the origin of the issue is unknown, doctors treated it to the best of their abilities.

In July 2013, Cpl. Beltres lost all sensation to his left arm and by June 2014, had loss mobility of his arm. Cpl. Beltres says the hardest thing about his injury is not being able to serve and adjusting to not being able to use his arm.

Cpl. Beltres is currently living in Tampa, Fla., where he will be attending the University of Southern Florida, pursuing a degree in cyber security so that he can continue serving his country in a different theater.

